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Recently I had to move from the house I'd lived in for 29 years to place much smaller, a period during which my music collection had grown enormously, partly because in addition to playing, I was a music journalist and also this was the period when LPs went out and CDs came in. During the packing, friends and relatives were offering advice on what to take. Sell your records they all said. I was adamant: No way. They couldn't believe it. Don't you know who I am, I told them, don't you know what my life is about? Everything I do, everything I believe, it all comes from the music on those records and it doesn't matter if I listen to them or not, I'm always going to that collection and looking up something. So what does music mean to me? The answer is everything!